THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The whole trouble is due to the shortage of ammonium sulphate that is availabe and we are making the best arrangement possible. I do not think that any further enquiry is necessary."

SRI M. K. PADMAPRABHA GOUNDER :—" What is the total quantity of ammoinum sulphate distributed till now? What is the total quantity needed to meet the further requirements of agriculturists? What is the stock that the Government hold at present? "

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" We have indented for about 70,000 tons for this year and we have received about 16,000 tons. We are expecting some more indents and have been asking for some more quantity for the last one month."

* 1102 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I do not put my question, Sir."

Construction of an anicut across the river Araniyar.

* 1103 *Q.*—SRI M. DHARMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any representation has been received from the villagers of Suratpalli and Uttukottai, in Tiruvallur taluk, that the anicut across the river Araniyar under the Araniyar Project, has not been constructed in accordance with the instructions issued by the Government; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No. But representations have been received against the change in the alignment of the channel taking off from the Suratpalli anicut proposed with a view to avoid the channel passing through Uttukottai and another tank as that would create difficulties in the regulation of supplies. The objections are being examined."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" The Hon. the Minister for Public Works came forward to give a negative answer to my question. He gave some answer which I did not expect or was not warranted. I would like to place before him this fact, viz., that there is a complaint against the contractor that the anicut was not constructed according to the instructions issued by the Government and in terms of the agreement executed by the contractor. May I ask the Hon. the Minister whether he will come forward to depute a technically qualified and well experienced officer to investigate the matter and find out the truth of the allegation so that necessary action may be taken against the contractor if there is any defect in construction? "

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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have said that we have not received any objection or representation regarding faulty construction. Therefore, I gave a negative answer. In spite of that the hon. Member chose to say that his question had not been answered. It is only with reference to alignment that there has been an objection and that is being looked into. That is all the information that I have got."

SRI M. DHARMALINGAM :—" I am representing to the Hon. the Minister that there is a complaint that the contractor did not construct the anicut according to the instructions issued by the Government. May I ask him whether he will come forward to depute a special officer to investigate and find out whether the contractor observed the instructions issued by the Government? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" It is not within the knowledge of the Government that there is a complaint. If any complaint reaches me, I shall examnie it."

Extent of lands brought under irrigation by the river pumping schemes.

* 1104 *Q.*—

MR. SPEAKER :—" As the hon. Member Sri M. Jagannathan is not in his seat, the answer to the question will be printed in the proceedings." 11-30 a.m.

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) in which places the river pumping schemes are in operation;

(*b*) the extent of lands brought under irrigation by these schemes in 1952–53;

(*c*) whether these schemes were transferred to the co-operative societies for execution; and

(*d*) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" (*a*) River pumping schemes are now in operation in the following places :—

District.	Village.
1 Chingleput	1 Nelvoy.
	2 Pinayur.
2 Tanjore	1 Kilithur.
3 South Kanara	1 Muthur
	2 Sajipanadu.
4 Malabar	1 Lakkidi.
	2 Pallapuram.

" (*b*) A total extent of 535·42 acres (covering both I and II crops) was brought under irrigation by these schemes.